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SUBJECT: LEBANON: ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF
RESUMED SC DEBATE

REF: PETREE/NEWMAN (NEA) TELECON APRIL 2

1. ISRAELI DEPUTY PERMREP ELIAV CALLED POLCOUNS URGENTLY
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS APRIL 2 TO REGISTER THE HOPE OF THE
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT THE US, IN ITS ROLE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL, WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO TURN ASIDE ANY ARAB MOVE TO TAKE THE SOUTHERN LEBANON
PROBLEM BACK TO THE COUNCIL. ELIAV SAID THEY HAD NO NEW
INFORMATION INDICATING AN ARAB DECISION ALONG THESE LINES,
AND HE REFERRED TO HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ARAB GROUP
WILL BE MEETING IN NEW YORK TUESDAY, APRIL 4, TO CONSIDER
NEXT STEPS INCLUDING A POSSIBLE CALL FOR THE COUNCIL TO
MEET. ELIAV SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN
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PROMPTED BY STATEMENTS BY US AND UN REPRESENTATIVES IN
JERUSALEM THAT THERE IS PRESSURE FOR FURTHER COUNCIL
ACTION TO CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR DELAYING WITHDRAWAL FROM
SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. ELIAV STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO WITHDRAW AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INTENDED TO DO 3*T**1.\$C?***5 *0IL* *6G*F*Z B** **0R.P**-PG4;9*"&*

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OR OTHER FACTORS. ELIAV INSISTED THAT ISRAEL CANNOT MOVE
AS LONG AS THE PALESTINIANS REFUSE TO COOPERATE AND UNIFIL
REMAINS AN INEFFECTIVE FORCE. HE ASKED THE POSITION OF
LEBANON ON RESUMED DISCUSSIONS IN THE COUNCIL, AND
POLCOUNS TOLD HIM THAT WHILE WE HAVE NO DIRECT INDICATION
OF A LEBANESE POSITION AT THIS TIME WE ASSUME THE GOL WILL
AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY HELPFUL TO REOPEN
THE COUNCIL NOW. ELIAV CONCLUDED BY URGING US TO DO EVERY-
THING POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE UNIFIL QUICKLY, EXPANDING ITS
NUMBERS BEYOND THE INITIAL 4,000 COMPLEMENT, AND ENERGIZE
THE GOL TO MOVE BACK INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. LEONARD

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